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BONSAI CALENDAR

THE MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING MARCH 11th 6:30 pm.

AN EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT OUT ON THE DETAILS TO ATTEND THE MEETING. IT WILL BE GREAT. SEE YOU ALL THEN!

March 11th – Club Zoom Meeting at 6:30

March 20th – Tree Workshop at Ryan O's at 9:30am

May 1st/2nd – Bonsai Exhibit at the SA Botanical Gardens

THE OX IS GOING TO MAKE THIS A GREAT YEAR



President's Message

BY RYAN O.

I hope you all survived the artic blast and were able to protect your trees. If you think you may have lost a tree, now is the time to procrastinate. I recommend that you hang onto the tree for a month or two to see if the tree buds out. With some species, new buds may form at the soil line because the roots survived, but not the main trunk, thus creating a "new" bonsai.

As you have seen through email and Facebook, SABS is offering a free Bonsai Care Book and name tag to any new members that pay for a full year through the month of March. Be sure to pass this along to any friends, family, coworkers, or others than may have been interested this art form through past conversations. We have seen a large increase in members to our Facebook Group, in the past few months. As of authoring this section, we are up to 268 Facebook members!!!!!!

I will be hosting a workshop on Saturday March 20 from 9:30-1:30, at my house, for anyone that wants to work on a tree, needs help styling a tree, or those that are interested on working on our convention Yaupon Hollies that need a huge trim. Please bring any tools, drinks, and snacks you may need. I will have tables. Masks are required for any one-on-one help.

SABS has buckets of soil for sale - \$25/5.5 gallon. I have corrected the particle size issue with all buckets on hand.

REPOTTING CONSIDERATIONS

BY DAVID R.

Hi everyone! With repotting season in full force, it's necessary for us to consider our trees and our plans for the upcoming year. A critical decision to be made before repotting is whether the tree needs to be repotted in the first place. How do we know when a tree is ready to be repotted?

Aside from correcting major execution errors such as using a poor quality soil, repotting is usually triggered by the feedback of the tree itself and primarily its response to watering. In bonsai cultivation, we exclusively use well-draining soils because it allows a healthy balance of air and water in the pot. As the tree grows and the root system ramifies to fill the pot, those spaces become occupied either with naturally scaled-down soil particles or with root tissue itself. Either way, the ability of water to penetrate the pot and the amount of water being held by the pot are both reduced as the tree grows, and each of these are signaled by the tree drying out more quickly than expected.

Below are some photos of a small trident maple that I recently repotted. In the corner of the red pot, you can see that a large root has emerged along the surface and re-entered into the pot. In addition, this whole tree is lifted above the lip of the pot and water did not penetrate very well into the 2:1:1 Akadama, Lava, Pumice (ALP) soil mixture – signaling that the pot was indeed ready to be repotted.

After getting the tree out of the pot, it was clear that the mat of roots had become so dense that soil was entirely occupied! Yet, because of the higher soil quality at the ALP mixture, the roots were all bright white and super healthy even in this pot-bound condition. It is typical that bonsai are kept in heavily pot bound situations so soil quality is critical, and repotting season is a great time to really see the results of our potting and watering decisions.



WELL, NOW THAT IS SOME REAL FUN!!
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SABS GOT TOGETHER AT DAVID'S
TO REPOOT ANAQUA FOR OUR CONVENTION.



**THE WEATHER WAS MILD AND
THE TIME SPENT HELPED US
ALL IN THE ISSUES OF ISOLA-
TION**

**10 PLUS MEMBERS FOUND
THEIR WAY TO DAVIS'S FOR A
DAY OF FUN AND SOME GOOD
PIZZA!**

**THE ANAQUA'S ARE VERY
NICE AND OF GOOD SCALE.
THE FOLKS SIGNING UP FOR
THIS WORKSHOP WILL NOT
BE DISAPPOINTED!**



**SPRING IS POPPING AT
DAVID'S**



**THOSE LITTLE ANAQUA'S I BROUGHT BACK FROM OUR RPOTTING
SESSION A DAVI'D'S IS ALREADY
POPPING BUDS, WHAT A TOUGH LITTLE TREE. A WONDERFUL NATIVE
OF SOUTH TEXAS.**

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR
THE SAN ANTONIO BONSAI SOCIETY

\$30 individual

\$50 family

\$25 senior 60+

\$40 senior family



The informal upright style (Moyogi) is considered the most popular shape in all bonsai, especially suited to our native Ashe Juniper.

Our logo, represented by this informal style stands for the informal nature of the San Antonio Bonsai Society, Inc. This popular, interesting style depicts the objectives of the Society—promoting participation and enjoyment of Bonsai.

The emblem was adopted as the official logo

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